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| <p>2. APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION: (Provide at least enough information to identify the application)</p> <p>a. For prior application</p> <p>Application No: 09/157,697</p> <p>Filing Date: September 21, 1998</p> <p>Title: Client-Server Conference And User Seeking</p> <p>Attorney Docket No: 210802</p> <p>First Named Inventor: Rajeev Byrissetty</p> <p>b. For instant CPA application</p> <p>New Attorney Docket No: 210802</p> <p>(If applicable)</p> | | |
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

*Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing
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Address to:

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Attorney Docket No.
of Prior Application

210802

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Group Art Unit

2152

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/157,697 filed on September 21, 1998, entitled Client-Server Conference And User Seeking.

NOTES:

ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS: The CPA application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is a patent application as defined by 37 CFR 1.1(b) or a provisional application that is a patent application as defined by 37 CFR 1.1(b) and is in compliance with 37 USC 421. Effective May 25, 2002, a CPA may only be filed to continue or divide an application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 25, 2002. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See Changes to Application Examination and Prosecution Policies and Procedures, Part 1, Rule 1.53(d) (May 25, 2002) and Part 2, Rule 1.53(d) (May 25, 2002) in the MPEP.

CPA NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d). Any request filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d) must be a CPA.

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application. As of the filing date of the request for a CPA, 37 CFR 1.53(d) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or combination-in-part application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS: The filing of this CPA will be considered to include a waiver of confidentiality by the application under 35 USC 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provision of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to copies of or information concerning the prior application may be given similar access to copies of or information concerning the other application(s) in the file jacket.

35 USC 120 STATEMENT: No reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a reference to the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 USC 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, along with:
 - a. ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of Listed Documents
6. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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| BASIS FEE | | | | \$730.00 |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | |
| Total Claims | 27 | -20= | 7 | x \$18.00 \$126.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | -3= | 1 | x \$84.00 \$84.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims(s) if applicable | | | | +\$280.00 \$ |
| Subtotal of application fees = | | | | \$ |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity = | | | | (\$) |
| Extension Fees | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is requested. | | | | \$110.00 |
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- ☒ Filing fee and one-month extension of time fee \$1,060.00.
 - ☒ Any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
8. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.)
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 - ☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment
11. ☐ Request & Certification Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (Form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent must be submitted with this application to prevent publication at 18 months)

NOTE: The above application's correspondence address will carry over to the CPA unless a new correspondence address is provided below.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continued Prosecution of Application:

Rajeev Byrisetty et al.

Application No. 09/157,697

Filed: September 21, 1998

For: Client-Server Conference And User Seeking

Art Unit: 2152

Examiner: Paul H. Kang

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments to claims 1, 2, 10, 20 and 25 and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) A system comprising:

at least one server of a first type, each of the at least one servers of the first type disposed to manage data of a first type including maintaining at least one conference and a list of users;

a server of a second type disposed to manage data of a second type including storing a list of the at least one servers of the first type; and

a client to query the server of the second type to obtain the server list and to query each server on the server list to learn of the at least one conference maintained by each server.

2. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the client queries each server on the server list to learn of the list of users maintained by each server.

10. (Amended) A method for determining information concerning conferences handled by a server of a first type based on configuration data maintained by a server of a